

Vision, Hearing, and Scoliosis Screenings

Sight and hearing tests are required by VA Code § 22.1-273 to be given to all new students and students in grades K, 3, 7, and 10. Vision and hearing screenings are conducted by the school nurse during the first 60 days of school and referrals will be sent home, if appropriate, prior to December vacation. If you have information concerning your child's sight or hearing, about which you believe the school should be informed, send in a note to the school nurse.

Scoliosis screening is also required by VA Code § 22.1-273.1. Scoliosis screenings are conducted by the school nurses and often PE teachers during second semester for students in grades 5, 7, and 9. Referrals will be sent home, if appropriate, before spring break. If you have information regarding your child's spinal condition, please send a note in to the school nurse.

Families are notified annually with this announcement appearing in each school's newsletter and the Code of Conduct. A parent or guardian has the right to determine their student's participation in Stafford County Public Schools Health Services Program as described above. In the event that a parent or guardian wishes to eliminate or exclude participation of a student in any part of the program, the parent or guardian may provide a written notification to the school nurse within fifteen days of receiving this notification. The family's written notice must state the specific area of screening from which the student is to be excluded and the family must furnish the same health screening results from their family physician.